

Provisional Vital Statistics for February 2006

Live births decreased in February as 6,533 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,743 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 12 months ending with also decreased as 76,837 were born compared with 78,887 for the 12 months ending with February 2005.

Deaths increased slightly in February as 5,029 Missourians died compared with 4,937 in February 2005. However, cumulative deaths for the 2- and 12- month periods ending with February both decreased.

The **Natural increase** in February was 1,504 (6,533 births minus 5,029 deaths). For the 12 months ending with February, the natural increase

declined slightly.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with February, marriages increased by 1.9 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage also increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with February the marriage to divorce ratio increased slightly from 1.87 to 1.89.

Infant deaths increased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with February, the infant death rate increased from 7.4 to 7.8 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>February</u>				<u>Jan.—Feb. cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with February</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Live Births	6,743	6,533	15.1	14.7	13,168	13,368	13.8	13.8	78,887	76,837	13.3	13.7	13.2
Deaths	4,937	5,029	11.1	11.3	10,370	10,171	10.8	10.5	54,148	52,692	9.5	9.4	9.1
Natural increase	1,806	1,504	4.0	3.4	2,798	3,197	2.9	3.3	24,739	24,145	3.8	4.3	4.2
Marriages	2,107	2,485	4.7	5.6	3,859	4,566	4.0	4.7	40,514	41,273	7.2	7.0	7.1
Dissolutions	1,487	2,554	3.3	5.7	3,043	3,861	3.2	4.0	21,657	21,824	3.8	3.8	3.8
Infant deaths	46	55	6.8	8.4	99	118	7.5	8.8	587	601	7.8	7.4	7.8
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,725	5,766	5,806

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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